Taylor Ridge Elementary School

Updates and Information

Happy Friday, TRE Families and Friends!

The weather is getting cooler! We will go outside on dry days as long as the RealFeel Temp is 18º or above.

We use the child care weather watch chart to help make outdoor recess decisions. https://www.isbe.net/Documents/wind-heat-chart.pdf

Please be sure to send students to school with warm layers as we will try to get outside as often as possible for recesses.

Kindness Week is next week. See the flyer below for information regarding dress-up days.

We will be attending the District Veterans Day Assembly on Wednesday, November 11th at 9:00. The live stream link is attached below

https://www.youtube.com/@rockridgeschooldistrict5887

Please contact the office or classroom teachers regarding changes to normal drop-off routines for that day as we will be loading busses around 8:40.

Picture Retake Day will be Monday, Nov. 16th.

Please see the corrected lunch menu calendar below. Nov. 20th is a full attendance day.

As always, if you have any questions for us at TRE, feel free to contact the office at (309) 793-8070 or tgoben@rr300.org

-Mr. Goben

Important Dates for this Week / Near Future

Kindness Week - 11/9 - 11/ 13

Veterans Day Assembly - Wed. 11/11 9:00a @ RRHS

McTeacher Night - 11/12 5-7p @ Milan McDonalds

Picture Retakes - Mon. 11/16

Thanksgiving Break - No school 11/25 - 11/27

Winter Family Night - 12/10 @ RRHS

K-2 Music Program - Wed. 12/16

TAYLOR RIDGE ELEMENTARY



October ‘26

SEL Focus: Responsibility

Rockin Rockets

KINDNESS WEEK



Monday, November 9th

"BRIGHTEN THE WORLD WITH KINDNESS"

WEAR NEON COLORS OR SPARKLES TO SHOW THAT WE BRIGHTEN OUR SCHOOL WITH KINDNESS!

Tuesday, November 10th



"CORRAL KINDNESS"

WEAR WESTERN ATTIRE (COWBOY HATS, BOOTS, JEANS, FLANNEL, ETC) TO SHOW THAT WE CORRAL TOGETHER TO SHOW KINDNESS!

Wednesday, November 11th

VETERANS DAY

"SERVICE, GRATITUDE AND KINDNESS"

THANK THEM WITH WORDS, HONOR THEM WITH KINDNESS

WEAR RED, WHITE, OR BLUE

Thursday, November 12th



"WAKE UP AND SHOW KINDNESS"

WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS TO SHOW THAT YOU WAKE UP READY TO BE KIND

Friday, November 13th



"ROCKETS ROCK KINDNESS"

WEAR YOUR ROCKRIDGE GEAR TO SHOW THAT TOGETHER, WE "ROCK" KINDNESS

Rockridge Elementary Schools



PTO would like to invite you to have dinner with your teachers!

When: Thursday November 12th, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Location: McDonald's in Milan
400 1st Street W
Milan, IL 61264

Cookies will be sold for donation!

The classroom with the best percentage of attendance from each elementary building will get a Happy Meal party!

If you cannot dine in, feel free to go through the drive-through and just let them know who the teacher is!



ILLINOIS CITY & TAYLOR RIDGE ELEMENTARY

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

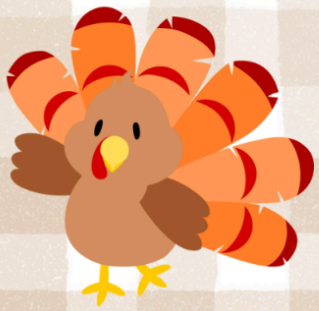
Santa Story Time, Make A Craft, and Cookies! Pre-K will end the evening with a song at 6:30.

DECEMBER 10, 2026
FROM 4:30 PM TO 6:30 PM
WHERE: ROCKRIDGE HS CAFETERIA

OPEN TO OUR ROCKET FAMILIES! LET'S GET THIS HOLIDAY SEASON STARTED!

TR/ICE SEL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026



Gratitude

Kindergarten

Naming our emotions is an important first step to managing our emotions. This month, Kindergarten students will focus on identifying their emotions using the Emotion Elements.

First Grade

Understanding how we are feeling helps us build self-awareness. This month, 1st grade students will work on emotion awareness by using the Emotion Elements. We will also use body cues to help us accurately identify our emotions.

Second Grade

It's important to be able to understand and manage our emotions. This month, 2nd graders will use the Emotion Elements to name their emotions, and practice applying strategies to regulate their emotions.

Emotion Elements

- **Bree** represents feeling silly, nervous, playful, or distracted.
- **Brooks** represents feeling sad, lonely, tired, or embarrassed.
- **Ember** represents feeling angry, frustrated, excited, or scared.
- **Terra** represents emotions like calm, focused, proud, or happy.

Overview

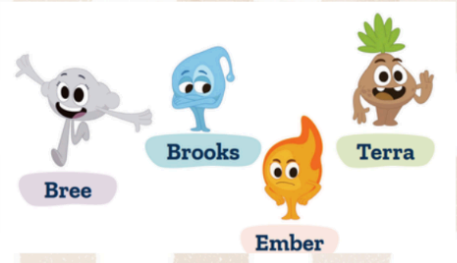
We are looking forward to focusing on Gratitude this month! One way to think about Gratitude is "choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives." Practicing Gratitude can increase our well-being and our happiness. Gratitude is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Well. Throughout the school, students will be developing skills like emotion regulation, positive self-talk, and stress management.

Emotion Regulation Strategies

- Breathe It Out - take a nice deep breath or try out a specific breathing strategy
- Move It Out - move away from the situation or get some exercise
- Talk It Out - talk to a trusted adult about how you feel

Be Kind, Be Strong, Be Well,

Mrs. Sywassink & Mrs. Stice



K-2 Holiday Music Program



Illinois City and Taylor Ridge

Wednesday, December 16th



Concert in Rockridge High School South Gym

Grades 3-5 Spring Concert



Andalusia Elementary

Thursday, April 15th



Concert in Rockridge High School South Gym

November 2026 Breakfast Menu for All Buildings

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 **No School In lieu of P/T Conferences**	3 Pop-Tart Yogurt	4 Mini Pancakes Syrup	5 Bagel & Cream Cheese	6 Donut
9 Scrambled Eggs & Bacon	10 Biscuits & Gravy	11 Breakfast Pizza 	12 French Toast Sticks Syrup	13 Muffin String Cheese
16 Mini Pancakes Syrup	17 Cheese Omelet Toast	18 Bagel & Cream Cheese	19 Breakfast Sandwich Bacon, Egg & Cheese	20 Cereal Bar String Cheese
23 Breakfast Burrito 	24 Scrambled Eggs & Bacon	25 **No School Thanksgiving Break**	26 **No School** 	27 **No School Thanksgiving Break**
30 French Toast Sticks Syrup	1	2 **Served Daily: cereal, toast, fruit or juice & milk**	3	4

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

November 2026 Lunch Menu for All Buildings

Skim, Chocolate and 1% White milk served everyday

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 **No School In lieu of P/T Conferences**	3 Bosco Stick / Marinara Cooked Carrots Pineapple Pudding Cup Milk	4 Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Chips Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk 	5 Crispito Chips & Salsa Corn Mandarin Oranges Milk	6 Hamburger on Bun French Fries Fruit Cup Teddy Grahams Milk
9 Chicken Nuggets Mixed Vegetables Peaches Sherbet Cup Milk	10 Mini Corn Dog Baked Beans Goldfish Crackers Mandarin Oranges Milk	11 French Bread Pizza Side Salad (dressing) Cantaloupe Teddy Grahams Milk	12 Meatball Sub w/ Mozzarella Cheese Baked Chips Green Beans Grapes / Milk	13 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Crackers Apple Slices Milk
16 Pizza Crunchers Goldfish Crackers Corn Pears Milk	17 Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Peaches / Dinner Roll Pumpkin Dessert Milk	18 Chicken Strips Cooked Carrots Fruit Cup Cookie Milk	19 Rocket Rite on Bun Baked Chips Baked Beans Pineapple Milk	20 Uncrustable Baked Chips Cucumber Slices Fruit Cup Milk
23 Goulash w/ Meat Sauce Bread Stick Peas Pears / Milk	24 Hotdog on Bun Tater Tots Mandarin Oranges Cookie / Milk	25 **No School Thanksgiving Break**	26 **No School** 	27 **No School Thanksgiving Break**
30 Cheeseburger on Bun French Fries Peaches Fruit Snack / Milk	1	2	3	4

A reimbursable lunch menu consists of 5 offered components which are set by the new USDA meal pattern in certain varieties and portion sizes determined by student age. Meat/Meat Alternate minimum, Grain minimum, Vegetable, Fruit, Fluid Milk



https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BADAC2EA6F8C25-66709638-winter#/

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School Break Planner

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Labor Day	***3 DAY WEEKEND*** SEPT 5-7 - NO SCHOOL
Columbus Day	***3 DAY WEEKEND*** OCT 10-12 - NO SCHOOL
P/T Conferences	***4 DAY WEEKEND*** OCT 30-NOV 2 - NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break	***5 DAY WEEKEND*** NOV 25-29 - NO SCHOOL
Christmas Break	***14 DAY BREAK*** DEC 23-JAN 5 - NO SCHOOL
MLK Day	***3 DAY WEEKEND*** JAN 16-18 - NO SCHOOL
President's Day	***3 DAY WEEKEND*** FEB 13-15 - NO SCHOOL
Spring & Easter Break	***8 DAY BREAK*** MAR 22-29 - NO SCHOOL

2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR
ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT 300

August 12 ..... No School Teacher Institute
August 13 ..... No School Teacher Institute
August 14 ..... .Classes Begin – 1:30 dismissal
September 7……...No School – Labor Day
September 11……...Quarter 1 Mid-Term
September 25……..School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
October 9..... End of First Grading Period
October 9.....School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
October 12.....No School – Columbus Day
October 16.....Quarter 1 Report Cards Sent Home
October 29 ……Parent-Teacher Conferences-3:00–8:00 p.m.
October 29 .....1:30 dismissal
October 30 ……Parent-Teacher Conferences-8:00–1:00 p.m.
October 30..... No School – P/T Conferences
November 2.....No School – in lieu of P/T Conferences
November 13..... Quarter 2 Mid-Term
November 25-27……..No School – Thanksgiving Break
December 11 .....School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
December 22……End of Second Grading Period – 1:30 dismissal
December 23-January 5…….. No School – Holiday Break
January 6…… No School Teacher Institute
January 7 ..... School Resumes
January 11 .....Quarter 2 Report Cards Sent Home
January 15 .....School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
January 18 ..... No School – M.L. King's Birthday
February 5 ..... Quarter 3 Mid-Term
February 12 .....School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
February 15 .....No School – President's Day
March 12……End of Third Grading Period
March 19 .....School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
March 19 .....Quarter 3 Report Cards Sent Home
March 22-March 29 ..…… No School – Spring Break/Easter Break
April 9 .....School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
April 9 ..... Quarter 4 Mid-Term
April 23 .....School Improvement Day – 11:30 dismissal
May 16……High School Graduation – 2:00
May 25.....End of Fourth Grading Period (tentative) – 1:30 dismissal
May 26……...No School Teacher Institute (tentative)
May 27, 28.....Emergency Days (tentative)
June 1.....Quarter 4 Report Cards Sent Home (tentative)

Quarterly Attendance Report Periods are as follows:

DATES	NUMBER OF STUDENT DAYS SCHOOL IS IN SESSION
August 14 – October 9	37
October 13 – December 22	46
January 7 – March 12	45
March 15 – May 25	46

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